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No president after five-hour meeting

BY SHANNON BACK AND
JOHN STAMPER

The four presidential candidates have completed their interviews, toured the campus and pitched themselves to faculty and students.

Now the campus community will wait while the Board of Regents decides who will be Western's ninth president.

The regents met yesterday for five hours in the president's home on Chestnut Street, sifting through information about the four finalists vying to replace Thomas Meredith, who

left in May to become chancellor of the University of Alabama system.

The board came to no conclusion, but they will continue their discussions at 8 a.m. Sunday at the same location.

"It's a difficult decision to make," said Chairwoman Peggy Loafman. "It's the most important decision we'll ever make."

Loafman said the regents were taking their time, and she said she did not know when the choice would be made.

Immediately after concluding the interview with the final presidential candidate, Eugene

Payne, the board went into closed session to choose from the four finalists.

They are Payne, an insurance firm executive from Austin, Texas; James Ramsey, vice president for Finance and Administration at Western; Gary Ransdell, vice president for Administration and Advancement at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C.; and Edward Hammond, president of Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kan.

"We're just looking at backgrounds and feedback from all the different focus groups on campus," Loafman said.

Payne emphasizes quality

BY SHANNON BACK

Eugene Payne left higher education eight years ago to pursue a career in business. Now he wants to return to his "life's work" — this time as Western's president.

He said his success in the business world could benefit Western, and that's why he stands out among the four candidates.

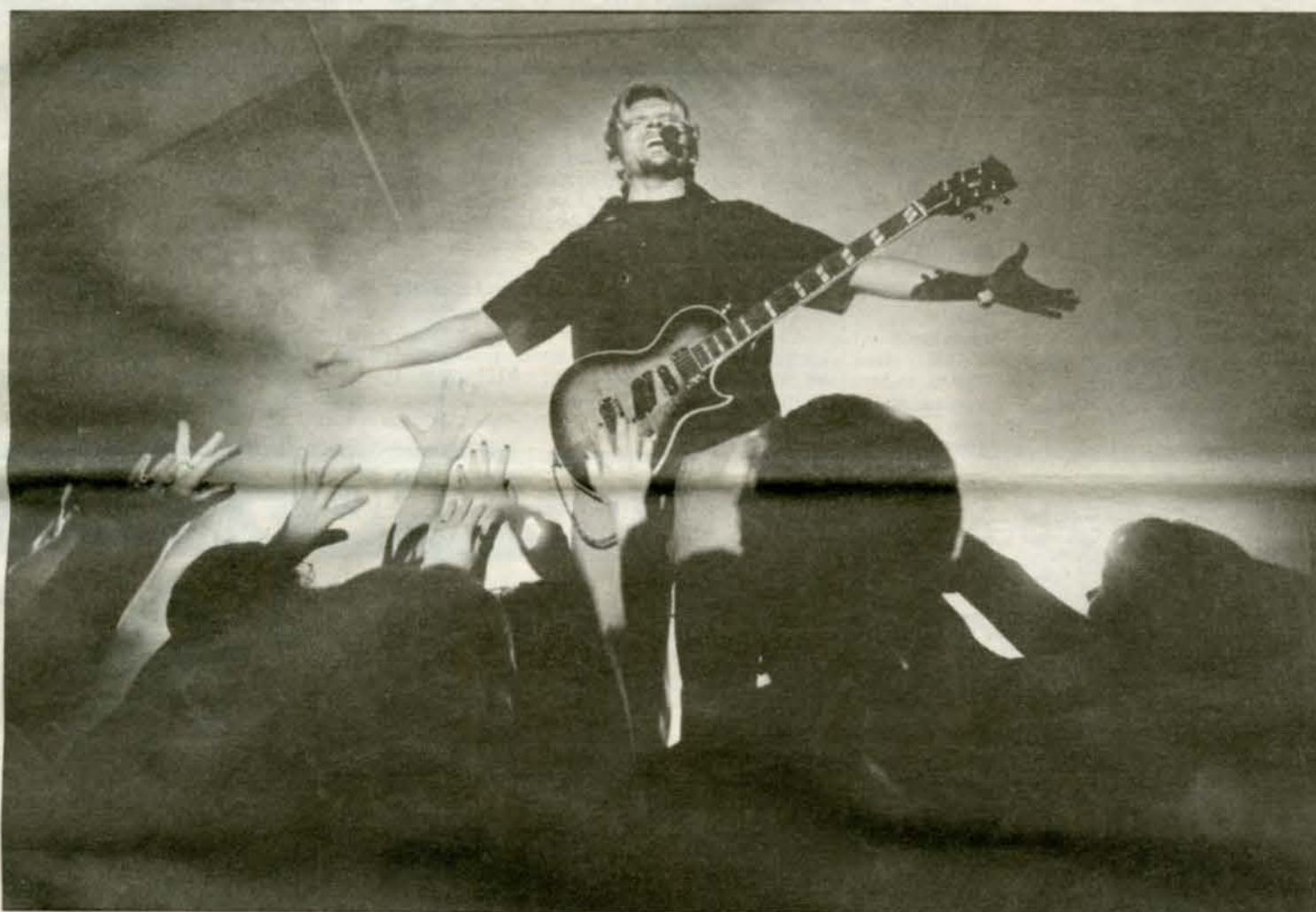
"When I went into business I knew that I would eventually come back to higher education because that's what I enjoy doing," he said

at yesterday's faculty forum. "I've always dreamed of what I could accomplish as president of a high quality university."

Payne is an executive vice president and chief operating officer for Financial Industries Corp./Inter-Continental Life Corp., an integrated group of life insurance companies in Austin, Texas.

Before joining FIC in 1989, Payne spent 18 years in academic and administration at universities

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Carrie Pratt/Herald

Lifting praise: Russ Lee, the lead singer for Newsong, performs on DUC south lawn Tuesday. Newsong is a Christian band from Atlanta. About 500 people attended the concert, one of the events leading up to the Ralph Bell/Billy Graham Associate Crusade, which runs from Sept. 14-17 in Diddle Arena.

Eating habits suffer at school

BY LEIGH ANN MOORE

When it comes to college life, barley and hamburger pickles are the closest things many students come to as a daily supply of vegetables.

Bradfordville junior Derek Dudley, for example, admits his diet includes a fair amount of fast food.

"I know I don't eat as well as I should, but fast food is just so convenient," he said as he raised a crispy piece of fried chicken to his mouth in the Garrett food court.

Dudley's girlfriend, Paintsville junior Libby Boyd, tries to be a little more conscious about food intake.

"We eat out a lot, and the fatty, greasy food is there, but I'd rather have something healthy if I can," she said.

Registered dietitian Richard Patterson agrees the typical student's diet consists mostly of junk.

"At home, students have Mom and Dad as gatekeepers of their diets," said Patterson, a consumer

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Former professor moves on

BY JOHN STAMPER

Ray Biggerstaff is retired now. The 54-year-old spends his days tinkering around his wooden-floored home, taking medication for his diabetes and battling sleep apnea while watching the towering stacks of home-recorded movies that rest on his television.

The former public health professor is enjoying the quality time he has with his wife and is looking into some part-time jobs. Something in real estate would be nice, he said.

But life wasn't so simple for Biggerstaff a few months ago. He was spending his days staring through metal bars wearing a dingy orange jumpsuit. His name topped the headlines statewide and his career was in ruins.

Shortly before midnight on Jan. 29, Biggerstaff was arrested by the state police after being caught on videotape paying an undercover state police officer \$250 to kill his brother-in-law, Darrell Bell of Whitesburg.

He was charged with conspiracy to commit murder

and bond was set at \$300,000. If convicted, he was facing 10 to 20 years in prison.

But something wasn't right — the charges didn't seem to fit the man. Ray Biggerstaff and Darrell Bell got along fine. They were friends before Biggerstaff was arrested, and they still are.

"We've never had an ill word," Biggerstaff said. "My brother-in-law has been extremely supportive through all this."

Bell tells the same story. In a letter addressed to Biggerstaff's attorney dated March 21, Bell writes:

"For as long as I have known Ray, we have always had a good relationship ... we have never had an argument, exchanged any

harsh words or engaged in any heated confrontation. "I strongly feel with all my heart that he would never get mixed up in something like this unless he was forced or feared for his own safety and the safety of his family."

Things in Biggerstaff's life had been sort of





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Janel Schroeder/Herald

Former public health Professor Ray Biggerstaff is trying to adjust to life after his trial. Biggerstaff pleaded guilty to wanton endangerment and was sentenced to five years of probation for conspiracy to commit murder.

Herald forecast

			
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
75° high	45° low	78° high	47° low
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♦ Just a sec

Wage hike won't affect students

No student workers will lose their jobs from Monday's minimum wage increase to \$5.15 an hour.

Monday's increase was the second part of an increase that boosted the wage from \$4.25 to \$4.75 last year.

Cynthia Burnette, student employment coordinator, said the university anticipated the second round of increases in their budget, avoiding the money squeeze that hit campus during the first increases.

Book sale tomorrow at city library

Some say television is overrated — lame plots, needless dialogue and bad actors mix to bring a dissatisfied feeling. But for people in need of real entertainment, the Bowling Green Public Library is offering it cheap.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, the library, located at 1225 State St., will hold its annual book sale. Paperbacks will be priced at 25 cents and hardcovers ranging from 50 cents to \$3.

Karen Porter, director of the library, said there will be thousands of books for sale in the meeting room of the library.

Porter, who has been director of the library for 15 years, said the proceeds help fund the library. Last year the profits were about \$8,000.

Friends of the Library, a non-profit organization, sponsors the event. For the library supporters who are members of Friends, there will be a special opening of the sale from 5:30 to 9 p.m. tomorrow. However, non-members who are interested in joining and want to have first pick of the books can buy a membership at the door.

The fee is \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families and \$50 for a lifetime membership.

The book sale will continue through Sept. 13, opening daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, contact the library at 781-4882.



Jonathan Kirshner/Herald

Western roulette: While playing "The Real Deal Crazy Comedy Game Show" on Thursday night at Nite Class, Paducah sophomore Chandra Poole looks to the crowd. More than \$240 in cash and two Sony Walkmans were awarded. Owensboro freshman Danny Hinton said before the game began, "I'm pretty much looking for gas money." Grand-prize winner Stephanie Ballard, a Louisville freshman, walked away with \$77 in cash.

♦ For the record/crime reports

Reports

♦ Ida Katherine Price, McCormack Hall, reported being harassed Aug. 24 when she received 15 phone calls by a person threatening her life.

♦ Michael Wayne Blair, Rodes-Harlin, reported Aug. 24 the windshield of his vehicle, valued at \$300, pelted with rocks while driving underneath the railroad overpass on Russellville Road.


♦ Edith Earlene Centrell, Cherry Hall, reported Aug. 25 a video player, valued at \$463, stolen from the English department.

Charges

♦ Daniel Ryan Faler, 1377 High St., was charged Aug. 24 with driving under the influence under the age of 21 while driving down State Street with no taillights. He was released from the Warren County

Regional Jail the next day on a \$500 unsecured bond.

♦ Robert Dailey Robinson, West Hall, was charged Aug. 28 with driving under the influence. He was identified by Sigma Chi fraternity members as the driver of a vehicle that had passed their house throwing rocks at it. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$2,500 unsecured bond.



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Convenience stores to open next week

BY MATT BATCHELDOR

With new campus eateries, retroed restaurants and more than 100 just-hired cooks and cashiers, dining on the Hill is already drastically different than a semester ago.

But don't expect the sight of construction workers to end just yet, said Dining Services Director Nathan Farmer.

Convenience stores in West Hall Cellar and Pearce-Ford Tower are set to open Monday at the latest, he said.

"You can peek in the door. There are products ready to be sold," he said.

As the convenience stores open, though, dining rooms in Downing University Center and Garrett Center continue to be rearranged.

Garrett food court is being completely rewired for its ongoing renovations.

New light fixtures are on order for the cafeteria, a beginning step in the dining room's eventual remodeling.

"With the lighting we're going to put in, it'll look a lot bigger," Farmer said. "Garrett will be due some kind of overhaul in the next four years."

Hilltop Burger Works opened yesterday after an order of new cooking equipment arrived.

Before any extensive remodeling of the dining room, Farmer is looking at more food "concepts."

"One thing this campus is lacking is a far-eastern, Chinese, Japanese cuisine," he said. "It just seems to be very popular."

Kielbasa sausages and hot dogs are also coming to Garrett in the next few weeks.

In DUC food court, Farmer plans to move two cash registers

to make room for yet another restaurant, now unnamed, with healthy food as its main fare, Farmer said.

"There's already fast food in there," he said, "But who's to say if I want something that's healthy. (The new restaurant) will lead toward healthier options."

He mentioned salads and other low-fat entrees available a la carte to supplement the traditionally greasier fast-food franchises.

"It'll be in place by the first week of October," Farmer said.

The continuing construction will also make room for three more cash registers in the food court, doubling the checkout area.

Students said the ongoing construction and cramped restaurants are inconvenient, but they are generally pleased with the selection of food itself.

"It's been pretty good," Owensboro freshman Scott Ebelhar said. "It's a lot better than the cafeteria food back at high school."

Peggy Haas, a graduate student from Vesper, Wis., said, "It's an excellent, excellent improvement. If students don't have enough choice here, they should find someplace else."

Farmer said he plans to form a student food advisory board by next month, where customers can complain about or compliment new campus eats. This board would affect decisions to add or subtract menu items and the design of the cafeterias.

He said he hopes to gather a group of students with different tastes by next month.

"I don't want a whole bunch of people in here that say, 'We want meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy,'" Farmer said. "I want a variety."



Jason Behnken/Herald

Toy soldiers: A sunrise silhouettes the Bravo company of Western's ROTC as they march back to Diddle Arena after completing a two-mile run Tuesday.

Greeks assist in annual Phonathon

BY STEPHANIE SIRIA

Students might not know it, but Greeks are partly responsible for the movies at DUC Theatre or the scholarships that help pay for \$200 worth of books.

How? Through Western's 16th annual Phonathon, which begins Sunday.

"Doing Phonathon gives you a sense of school pride," Bardstown junior Cory Richardson, a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, said. "It keeps you in touch with your alumni."

Each Greek organization is assigned three to five nights of volunteering, where they assist student callers by stuffing

envelopes for mailing or tallying pledge totals.

Phonathon chairman Scott Self said Greek involvement helps get the fraternities' and sororities' name out into the community.

"The Greeks can be recognized for the good things they do, not only for the local community but specifically for the students at Western," the Louisville senior said.

Donald Smith, coordinator of annual fund, said the Phonathon uses both paid callers and volunteers to raise money from alumni.

Smith said he hopes to raise \$450,000 this year — a 15 percent increase from last year's total of \$403,000. The money raised will go to the departments, organiza-

tions or scholarship funds of the donor's choice.

The Phonathon, which continues through Nov. 20, used to use just volunteers for the fund raiser, Smith said. But in 1995, Alumni Affairs began using the same group of paid callers rather than training a large number of people to do the calling.

Bowling Green senior Andi Smith, a member of Chi Omega sorority, said the Phonathon is a way for new members to meet other Greeks.

"We usually use our new pledges to volunteer so they can intermingle with other sororities, as well as new and old members of the fraternities," she said.

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Opinion

Burch has done well as interim president

Western's new president will be announced in a matter of days, but one has to question why the Board of Regents spent \$80,000 to find someone to fill the position when an effective president is right under their noses.

Barbara Burch has been the interim president for four months and has already made a strong impact on the university.

Taking nothing away from the four finalists, it's too bad she wasn't a candidate for the job on a permanent basis.

"She kept the university from staying in neutral," said Fred Hensley, vice president for Institutional Advancement. "She made the decisions that needed to be made. We're a better institution for her having that role in that period of time."

Burch's willingness to make those decisions will allow the next president to enter a university that isn't behind on its goals.

"What I've tried to do is take care of things that continue to be a part of the university," Burch said.

It would have been easy for her to be a lame duck, given that she knew the job was only temporary. But she wasn't afraid to roll up her sleeves and do the job she had been appointed to do.

When Burch saw a problem, she fixed it. She took a common-sense approach to running the university. She didn't just make initiatives. She took initiatives.

"She's been more than a caretaker," said Jerry Wilder, vice president of Student Affairs. "I don't know of anybody who has as strong a work ethic."

Burch addressed issues that really concern students, such as housing and parking. She also looked into revisiting the university scholarship policy and further development of Western's Community College.

"What I tried to be is most of what I'd want a president to be," she said. "It doesn't matter what job you have, you should do it how you think it ought to be done."

She didn't simply dismiss parking as a problem that every university has, but

she worked with the parking committee on a study that will be completed next month to find solutions to the situation.

She also looked into facility needs and for ways to improve student housing. She took the regents' facilities committee on a tour of every building on campus in hopes of finding a way to make campus living more inviting. She talked about problems such as lack of air conditioning, poor condition of showers and upkeep of the dorms.

Burch was at the helm of this institution during a time of major change. Not only was Western looking for a new leader, but the state universities are preparing to make major changes under Gov. Paul Patton's higher education reform.

She represented Western in Frankfort at a special session on higher education. She was thrust into state politics and held her own.

She did all of this in addition to her permanent job as vice president of Academic Affairs.

"She had both jobs and has done well in

both, hasn't missed a beat in either," said Charles Anderson, vice president for Information Technology.

And even with this track record, she modestly credits others with the progress made this summer.

"I walked into a team," she said. "Nobody could do this job without the help of a lot of good people."

After a new president is chosen, Burch will go back to doing only one job.

"I'll take back a lot broader knowledge of campus," she said. "With a better understanding of other areas, we can be partners in the academic mission."

Most importantly, she hasn't forgotten why she comes to work every morning.

"The reason we exist is for our students," she said. "We are about learning. Without them, we wouldn't be here. Students need to be at the forefront."

Thanks for remembering.

And whoever the new president is, he couldn't find a better model than Burch.

Hey regents, maybe the best man for the job is a woman.



♦ **The issue:** Barbara Burch has been the head of Western for the last four months.

♦ **Our view:** She has done a good job during a short reign filled with changes.

♦ Letters to the editor

Apathy not a valid complaint

This is my second year at Western and I am "apathetic" as far as the Herald, the administration and the Student Government Association is concerned — I'm apathetic, to the effect that I do not attend the current presidential forums. I am concerned with who takes over as President and so are others, but I don't attend the forums.

I attend Western for many reasons. The most important: class. And at 1:45 p.m. I am in class. I would love to hear these candidates, their ideas and their politics. However, I must listen to theatre Professor James Brown discuss the importance of symbolism in theater. Not a bad lecture to be sure, but one I am inclined to attend. Forums or class?

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People poll

♦ What do you expect from the Hilltopper football team this season?



"I just hope they do well."

Erick Pruett,
Bowling Green
senior



"Great success. They have a young team."

Jerrod Beaver,
Louisville junior



"From what I hear, they're going to be really good."

Candis Mattingly,
Lebanon
graduate student



"It looks like they did well. I hope the rest of the season goes like that."

Eric Velasco,
Louisville
freshman



"A whole lot better than last year. I hope they beat Austin Peay."

Matthew Emerick,
Elizabethtown
freshman

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Forum

Students debate validity of death penalty

State-sanctioned executions leave blood on everyone's hands

I killed Harold McQueen Jr. I didn't realize it until after this summer, however, when I was sent to cover the execution of Harold McQueen Jr. in Eddyville on July 1.

As I drove to the state penitentiary to witness the first execution in Kentucky in 35 years, I thought about how much this person deserved what he was getting — how he had thoughtlessly taken a life, and now the roles were reversed.

Then I was reminded of something my father used to tell me about revenge when I was younger — two wrongs don't make a right.

In other words, if someone breaks a law, it doesn't solve the problem to break another law and "show them what it feels like."

As I climbed the steps to the prison more commonly referred to as "the castle," my hands began to shake.

I dropped my notebook, and as I knelt to pick it up I realized I was sweating and began to feel weak.

At the time I wrote it off as nerves, but later realized it was something much deeper — it was fear.

As McQueen's final hour approached, I questioned demonstrators on both sides of the issue.

Most of those gathered outside the prison were opposed to the state-sanctioned electrocution and said they were there to show their discontent with ritualized murder, committed in the name of every Kentuckian.

On the other side were a handful of

supporters, one of whom told me he was there to make sure McQueen got what was coming to him.

All too often today we sit in front of a television, listening to the "atrocities" that occur in the world around us and, without thinking, tell everyone how much we'd like to see people get what they deserve.

I too fell prey to the 6 o'clock news school of thought — that is, until I reconsidered what it meant to say "fry the bastard."

At the stroke of midnight July 1, Harold McQueen was killed, his life was terminated by the state of Kentucky.

Never again will he kill, but he will also never embrace his girlfriend or her daughter, who told me through their tears that night about how much McQueen had changed and how much they would miss him.

Never again will he eat cheesecake, his favorite food, which he enjoyed one last time in an 8-by-10-foot cell, just feet from the room where he would die only hours later.

When three executioners pushed a button, one of which delivered the fatal dose of electricity that ended McQueen's life, they did it in your name, they did it in my name, they did it in the name of every Kentuckian citizen.

Yes, I killed Harold McQueen Jr., and so did you.

Editor's note: Charlie Lanter is a sophomore print journalism major from Lexington.

Charlie Lanter

Commentary



Taxpayers should not have to pay to keep convicted killers alive

Death — the ultimate price a person can pay for a crime. Some people say the death penalty is cruel and unusual. I say that keeping these people alive is cruel and unusual to the people of this nation.

Ted Bundy, Timothy McVeigh and Jeffrey Dahmer are the type of people that inhabit death row. These are mad-dog killers who have proven they cannot take a useful place in society. Even the so-called experts agree that these people cannot be rehabilitated.

Proven guilty of serial murder, Bundy was sentenced to death. The problem was that he spent 15 years on death row before his sentence was carried out. That's 15 years of state-funded life. Three meals per day, air conditioning in the summer, heat in the winter and countless legal appeals — all state-funded.

Dahmer was sentenced in states that do not allow the death penalty, so he was sentenced to several life sentences to run consecutively. This meant that he was going to spend the rest of his sick and twisted life living in a human warehouse at government expense. He was a young man, so the state would have been forced to support him for upward of 30 years.

The state was saved this expense when another inmate beat Dahmer to a slow, agonizing and most assuredly deserved death.

Wouldn't the world be better served if we took the money constantly being wasted on death-row convicts and assisted the elderly in paying their utilities? Or spent that money on education for our youth instead of squandering it on warehousing sociopaths?

Another argument used by the naive hordes who are against the death penalty is the vast difference in the racial mix on death row. Activists of all types tend to view this as an indictment of the entire criminal justice system and cry "unfair" at the thought that more minorities would die than whites.

To this I must respond: grow up. If two people commit similar crimes and one gets death and one does not, then according to the liberal's argument, both criminals should be spared death. Quite the contrary should be done. If one is to die, then so be it. Fire up the chair and make it a two-for-one day.

People will also argue that death is no longer a deterrent to crime. It has been said that people are so jaded that their fear of death has been reduced to a nonexistent level.

While this may be true, there is one fact that holds unfailingly true. There are no repeat offenders from the morgue. If these murderous thugs are such a threat to the safety of the law-abiding public that they have been given the death penalty or a sentence insuring that they will never again be free, then it is our duty to dispatch them in the same timely fashion that we would a rabid dog.

We, as a society, need to clean out the sludge that has a stranglehold on our nation. Maintaining this portion of society does nothing but sap funds that could be put to better use, or at least wasted in a less offensive way.

Editor's note: Kelley Lynn is a senior print journalism major from Paducah.

Kelley Lynn

Commentary



♦ Letters

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The attendance policies propel me toward the latter. I question the motives of the regents, the administration and whoever else may be responsible for the scheduling of the most important forums in our college career at a time when a great many of us are in our afternoon classes.

The articles in the Herald are very helpful but we must be aware, points that the Herald deem we should hear are perhaps not important to us. We all have the right to attend and listen to these forums.

If SGA President Keith Coffman wants to complain about the student apathy, fine. Ask him to do something feasible, rather than shake his head at us in shame. It should be recognized that there is a difference between obligation and ignorance, between priority and apathy.

Derek Durbin
Bowling Green sophomore

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Traffic school teacher offers valuable knowledge

Recently, because of my various transgression of Kentucky traffic laws, I was sentenced to traffic school. What a bummer, right? Not so.

The twirling of pencils and the impatient tapping of feet on the hard, dull floor revealed that I was not the only one disgusted at having to give up four hours of my life to such a seemingly purposeless event. Disgust. Everyone's face read the same thing: "Let's just get this over with."

Then, in walked our instructor, an older official-type with a swagger that told me he had done this for years. After some preliminary matters, he began his lecture in a voice straight out of the rural lanes and tobacco fields of south-

central Kentucky.

"No matter what you've heard or think about traffic school," he said, "about 95 percent of the people who attend come up and tell me they were glad they did."

His lecture was interesting. We participated, raised hands, commented on our specific cases and offered insights of our own.

Boredom seemed to untie the tongue, and besides, who could sleep on one numb butt cheek, anyway?

We were breathing in the old man's knowledge of road rules.

Many of us no longer felt we had wasted our time; instead, we had served a purpose (that being a court order or probation requirement), but beyond that, learned information that will be useful. The government had made us come, but the old man had made us listen.

But, be that as it may, the hours crept by slowly, and I wished the night was over.

Patrick Bernardy

Commentary



Toward the end of the traffic sermon, I could tell that time had worn on my fellow schoolmates as well, barely-stifled yawns and sighs of anxiousness became apparent, in an atmosphere where only moments before contained questions of context.

As I lifted my thoroughly asleep posterior from the seat to leave, I noticed a profanity carved in the back of the seat in front of me.

Someone had not shared my sentiments concerning traffic school. He'll be back to chisel again the testament of his wasted time.

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Service part of life for Brady

BY EMILY BAKER

To Erika Brady, serving the public is just an extension of folklore, her field of study.

"Working in the community comes naturally to folklorists," said the modern languages and intercultural studies associate professor. "It's what we do. It is true of my colleagues here at Western and folklorists elsewhere."



Erika Brady

"I find it hard to label what I do as public service because when it's working right, you're working with people, not for them, and learning what their concerns are and how your skills can fit in."

Brady, the recipient of Western's 1997 Faculty Excellence Award for Public Service, has been active in the field of folklore. One area of particular interest to her is working with University of Louisville and University of South Alabama medical students concerning community-based clinical educa-

tion.

"With students in Alabama and Kentucky, I discuss the role of nonconventional healing practices that exist within the community, such as herbal medicine, chiropractic and faith healing and the effect that those practices have on patients' attitudes toward formal medicine," Brady said.

"It is very exciting and very challenging," she said. "The medical culture is a world of its own. They (doctors) are taught to look at the world from a different angle, so they often look at illness and treatments differently than their patients do. This often has serious consequences."

Despite the challenges this type of work presents, Brady realizes the importance of the work she has done with medical students over the past three years.

"It reflects a general trend in medical education," she said. "I get to be part of this very early stage in what's going to cause a big change."

Brady also participated in a lecture series for the Kentucky Humanities Council, a state organization that pays an honorarium for speakers to address smaller groups.

"During a period of three years, I was doing humanity lecture talks once every two or so weeks around the state," she said.

Her colleagues recognize her talents.

"She is a person with a very broad-gauged mind and is very knowledgeable in a number of fields," said Thomas Baldwin, modern languages and intercultural studies department head. "She is a good speaker and a good contact person for the university."

Michael Ann Williams, a modern languages and intercultural studies associate professor, echoed Baldwin's thoughts on Brady.

"We all feel service is an important part of what we do," Williams said. "She's certainly been a role model in all the things one can do outside of the classroom. She takes the message of our discipline to lots of other people."

Brady also works with Kentucky Educational Television (KET) and serves on the executive board of the American Folklore Society, a professional organization.

Even after receiving the award, Brady still doesn't consider what she does to be public service.

"The kind of work I do is not that different from what my other colleagues in folk studies do, each in their own specialty," she said. "This type of work is built into the discipline, at least as we practice and teach it at Western."

Business college revamps structure

BY SARAH EVERS

The structure of the College of Business Administration got a facelift recently when the five departments that previously comprised the college were combined into three departments.

Robert Jefferson, dean of the college, is pleased with the consolidation.

"There has been a lot of change in higher education," he said. "Business schools aren't any different. We shouldn't be a dinosaur on life-support systems."

The former five departments of accounting, finance and computer information systems, economics, marketing and management have now been consolidated into three: accounting and finance, economics and marketing, and management and information systems, which will allow the college to become more efficient, Jefferson said.

The changes will not change anyone's majors, Jefferson said. An accounting major will still graduate with an accounting degree, for example.

"It doesn't have any impact on the students," he said. "It's really more of an administrative move."

Daniel Myers, acting assistant dean, said there were no job losses as a result of the realignment.

Jefferson said the realignment will allow the students to recognize the role of business and the industry.

The restructuring also helped to redirect \$30,000 to be used for faculty travel expenses, research grants and to buy equipment such as specialized hardware and software, Myers said. He said the balance will be funneled into faculty development and support.

Myers said the reactions he has heard have all been positive.

"There was hope to push the decision-making to the faculty," he said. "This was received extremely well."

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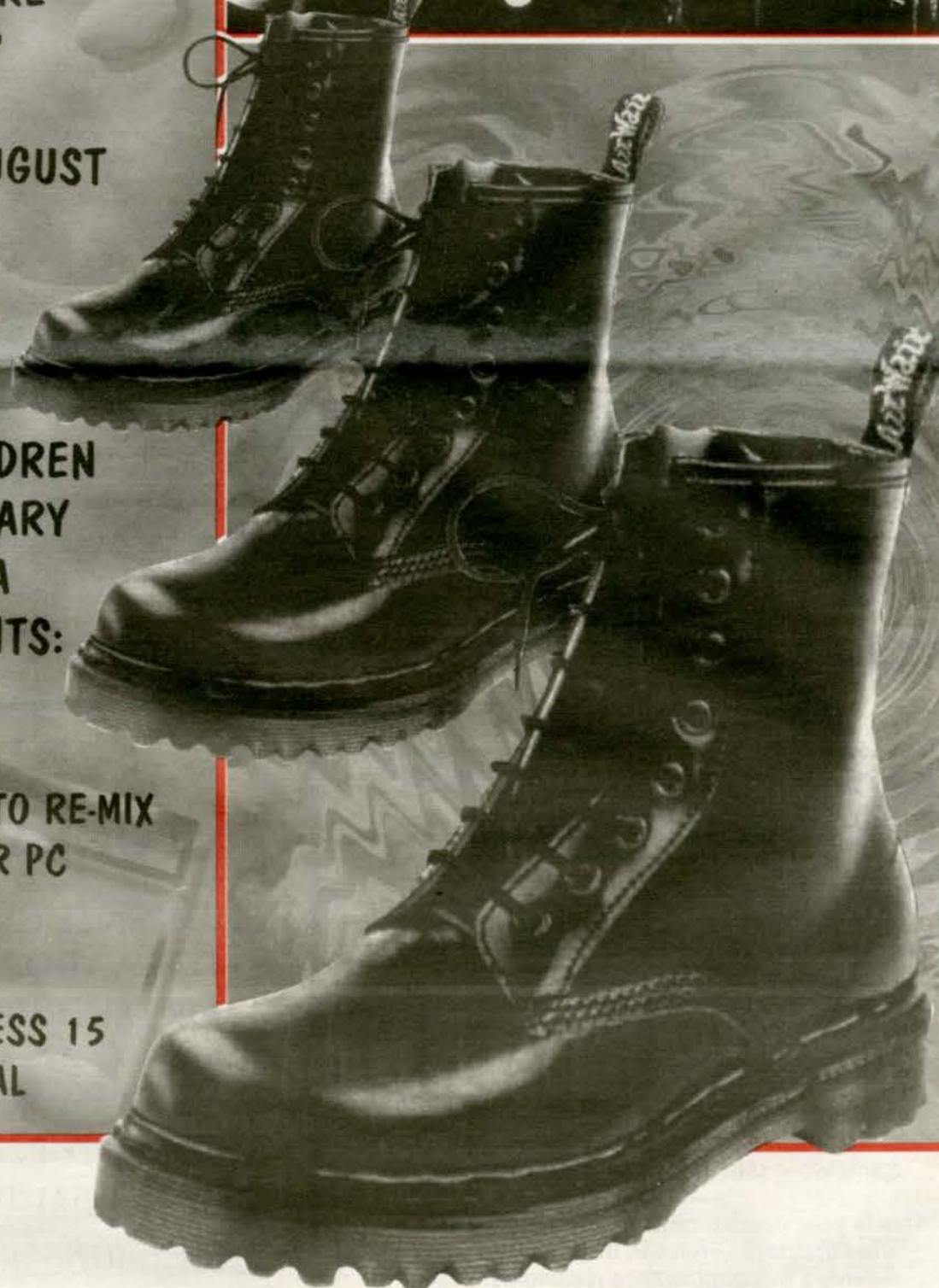
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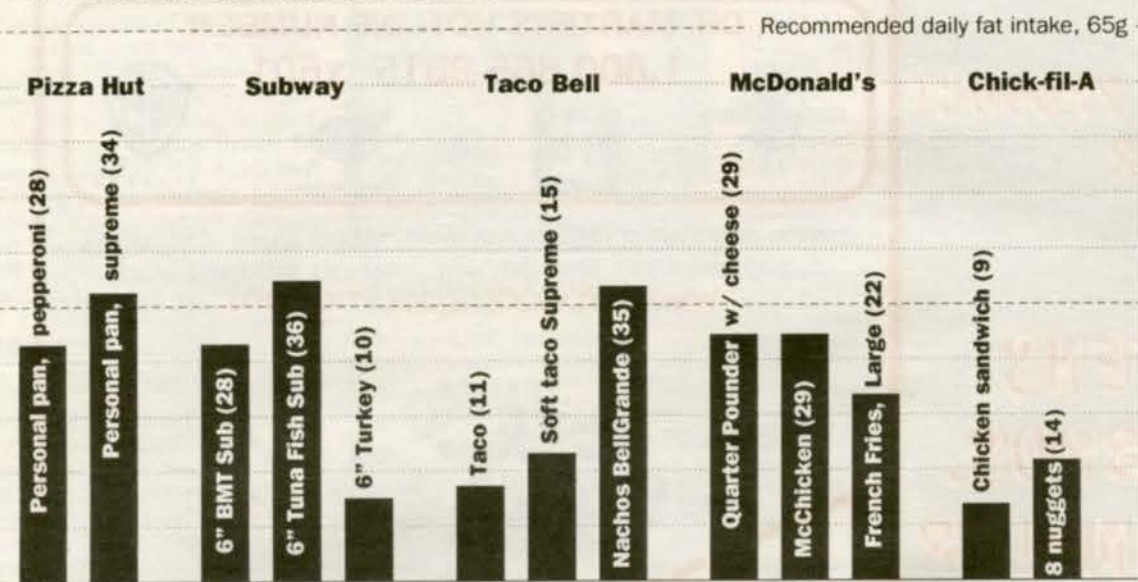
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HABITS: Students need vitamins

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and family sciences associate professor. "When they come to college they can make their own food choices. Another factor of students' diet problems is the increased social activity. Food surrounds much of that social life."

According to Patterson, 25 percent of a college student's diet is snack food that is not eaten at traditional meal times. What this means for most students, he said, is that they miss out on some vital nutrients that can cause health problems.

Calcium, folic acid and iron are the three main minerals lacking in college students' diets, he said.

Calcium, which is found in milk and other dairy products, is necessary for bone development. Patterson recommends skim or 1 percent milk to reduce fat intake.

"It is important that women receive a lot of calcium and build up their bone mass because when they reach menopause there is a massive withdrawal of calcium from the bones," he said. "This can set women up for osteoporosis."

A lack of folic acid can also have a detrimental effect on women, especially those who are sexually active.

"Folic acid has been found to help reduce the incidence of neural tube defects during pregnancy," Patterson said, adding that

this nutrient can be found in fruits and vegetables.

Central City sophomore Robin Gilliland said she used to be the typical fast-food junkie. Now, however, she knows she has to eat right for two.

"I try to eat (well) because I'm pregnant," she said as she munched on a salad.

Gilliland said she eats out a lot while she is in school.

"The eating places campus provides are pretty well-rounded. They have something nutritional there if you want it," she said.

Topper Cafe, which is located in Downing University Center, also offers students a healthy alternative, according to Dining Services Director Nathan Farmer. "The cafe uses a lot of all-natural ingredients in dishes that are light and healthy."

According to Patterson, more than half of the student population on campus is at least borderline deficient in iron. This can cause immediate problems such as an inability to concentrate and a constant feeling of being tired. Iron can be found in meats, fish, poultry and green leafy vegetables.

"The key to nutrition is prevention," he said. "Students need not focus on getting only certain foods or vitamins. They should instead key in on the food pyramid and try to get food from all the food groups."

Patterson also suggests that all college students take vitamins as an insurance policy against a possible lack of nutrients.

"Women should take a vitamin with added iron, but men should definitely not take one with that added iron," he said. More iron is needed by women because of the menstrual cycle, but too much could be toxic for men.

Tips

Patterson realizes dorm life presents an added difficulty in eating nutritionally. However, he does have a few suggestions for improving eating habits.

"It can be even more difficult in a dorm to eat fresh fruits and vegetables because there isn't much refrigerator space for storing them," he said.

Patterson advises students to store as many fresh vegetables and fruits as possible in their refrigerators and take the time to make extra trips to the grocery store for them.

"Students can cut fruits up in their whole-grain cereals and add milk," he suggested. For lunch, if students eat out they should be picky about what they eat, he said.

Patterson also advised that things such as adding lettuce and tomato to hamburgers, eating salads as part of a meal and choosing fruits over high-calorie desserts can improve a student's nutrition.



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PROFESSOR: Biggerstaff enjoys retirement, rest

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rough for a time. According to a psychiatric review of Biggerstaff after his arrest, he was paying \$1,400 a month in back taxes and was fatigued because of severe snoring that comes with sleep apnea and having to "get up at night sometimes for excessive urination, probably associated with diabetes." His wife's father and mother also died within six months of each other last year, the report said.

But Biggerstaff said none of this caused him to ask a hit man to kill his brother-in-law. He said he was acting out of "fear for himself and his family."

Biggerstaff said he was led to believe the alleged hit man might hurt him or his family if he didn't show up at their motel rendezvous, where he was arrested.

But Biggerstaff pled guilty June 17 to wanton endangerment, a misdemeanor, and was sentenced to five years probation.

So why did he plead guilty if he says he was innocent? Biggerstaff said he didn't want to plead guilty, but that he was tired of fighting.

"This is one way of having a speedy resolve of the issue and

to not be involved in additional cost in court," he said. "It was a good decision to basically try to bring this issue to an end on its own merit. That's what we did instead of trying to go to court."

The man behind the charges

Biggerstaff hasn't always been considered a criminal. Before this year, his record was spotless.

Born in rural eastern Kentucky in 1942, he walked a mile to his one-room school every day and finished grade school in seven years.

He received his public health degree from the University of Kentucky and received his masters in public health and health education from the University of Michigan.

Shortly after, he was drafted into the Army, where he spent four years as a captain in the medical service core and spent 11 months with the 101st airborne in Vietnam.

"We had about 90 percent of the casualties in that northern part of south Vietnam," he said. "It was a very difficult and trying time there."

Fresh from the horrors of war, Biggerstaff came back to Kentucky and took a position teaching at Western in January 1971.

While here, he helped form the Western chapter of the Kentucky Public Health

Association and was known by colleagues as a professor who cared for his students.

"Students came first with me," he said. "If students fail in my class, I take it very

personally.

"I have been counseled at times for bending the rules. I didn't mind little verbal reprimands from time to time when I was helping students get through the system."

In 1980, Biggerstaff received his doctoral degree in higher education administration from

Indiana University.

His wife, Betty, earned her undergraduate degree in business and masters in guidance and counseling from Western and is the executive director of Hospice of Southern Kentucky. Married for 29 years, they have no children.

Moving on

Ray and Betty have weathered the past 218 days together. Now they just want to move on — to forget this ever happened.

"This last semester has been somewhat of a nightmare for us," he said. "I've been very proud of (my wife) through my dealings with the court system."

"The thing I've been most appreciative of is the support from people I didn't know," he said. "I know we've had over 1,000 phone calls, cards and letters from people that I've worked with throughout the years."

With 29 years of teaching and military service, he said he had planned on retiring at the end of June, but his entanglement with the courts prevented that.

Once his case was resolved, interim President Barbara Burch put Biggerstaff on special assignment with the public

health department for the month of July, allowing him to complete his retirement paperwork.

"My retirement officially began in August," he said. "This gives me the opportunity to do some work that needs to be done around the house, and it gives me the opportunity to spend a little more quality time with my family and also explore some part-time opportunities here."

Biggerstaff is still maintaining some ties with the university, serving as the Certified Health Education Specialists coordinator and program review chairman for the Continuing Education department.

Biggerstaff is cautiously optimistic about his future. But his life is scarred. He is known as the professor who hired a hit-man.

There is a gloom across his face. Just thinking about his arrest causes his rounded face to contort — making its edges hard, almost square. He wrenches his hands together, nearly rubbing them raw. And then sighs.

"We just look at it as a kind of nightmare we wish would go away."

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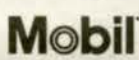
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During an interview yesterday at Garrett Center, presidential candidate Eugene Payne answers students' questions. Payne is an insurance executive with FIC/ILCO, a group of life insurance companies.

PAYNE: 'I belong in education'

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including the following: Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, and the University of Texas in Dallas.

If Payne's dream comes true, he told faculty, he'll emphasize three things:

- ◆ He wants an updated mission statement.

- ◆ "I've read the 'New Level' document and feel it's very well prepared and thought out, but we need to have the entire university community reaffirm their commitment to that document or modify that document."

- ◆ He wants to emphasize quality teaching.

He said that Western needs to recruit more faculty members, promote the faculty the university already has and further the development of their skills.

"During a half hour of talking to students, I didn't hear one negative comment about the faculty. That's what they like about this campus."

- ◆ He wants Western to take

advantage of its resources.

"Kentucky has made its stance on higher education," he told the faculty. "Western and other regional universities must play their role also."

One resource high on Payne's priority list is the university's relationship with local businesses.

"Jobs follow people rather than people following jobs," he said. "I know first hand, based on my business experience, that business leaders look for employees with a good education."

"They look for critical thinking, specialized training and also a generalized education focusing on life and creative thinking."

Payne said he wants Western to prepare students to be productive workers, and responsible and thinking citizens.

He said Western's student/faculty relationship and the virtual university proposal will be key components in reaching this goal.

For the first 15 minutes of the student forum, Payne questioned students about what they wanted in their next president.

Students were receptive to this type of forum, and Payne

said if he's chosen as the next president he'd continue the discussions.

"In Texas, I had students to my office for breakfast to discuss what's happening," he told students. "I think that's better than letting them in on meetings when they may not have the opportunity to ask questions."

Luther Hughes, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, said Payne's business experience gives him an advantage.

"He has unique qualities in understanding how universities may have opportunities to incorporate business ideas," he said after the faculty forum. "That experience should give him ideas and concepts that would make him a university leader."

Payne said he's best qualified to be Western's next leader because he has both business and university experience.

"I have been successful in both the public and private sectors," he said. "My management background can be applied to both."

"I can function successfully in both, but I belong in education."

Presidential candidates at a glance

James R. Ramsey

Age: 48

Bio: Currently the vice president for Finance and Administration at Western; has been Kentucky's Chief State Economist and held various other state positions.

Goals: Wants to improve Western's academic reputation, rebuild a sense of family on campus and improve external relationships.

Quote: "I want Western to be the leader in higher education. Not a leader, but the leader."

Gary A. Ransdell

Age: 45

Bio: Currently the vice president for Administration and Advancement at Clemson University; a 1973 Western graduate; was associate director of Alumni Affairs from 1978 to 1981.

Goals: Wants to emphasize student involvement and volunteering, improve maintenance and devise a new mission statement.

Quote: "I've looked forward to returning home. I left for a purpose and now is the time to apply that purpose."

Edward H. Hammond

Age: 53

Bio: Currently the president of Fort Hays State University; has held positions at the University of Louisville, Seton Hall University, Purdue University, Southern Illinois University and the University of Missouri in Columbia.

Goals: Wants to improve technology at Western, improve student involvement and increase the number of students who graduate in four years.

Quote: "I'm committed to setting a university aside from the rest. Kentucky is committed to that and Kansas is not."

Eugene F. Payne

Age: 55

Bio: Currently an executive vice president of FIC/ILCO, an integrated group of life insurance companies; has served in executive administration positions for almost two decades at three different Texas universities.

Goals: Wants to devise a new mission statement, emphasize quality teaching and take advantage of Western's resources.

Quote: "When I went into business, I knew that I would eventually come back to higher education because that's what I enjoy doing."

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Lock-in to focus on leaders

BY MIKKI OLMSTED

Presidents of fraternities, sororities and members of other black organizations on campus are going to jail.

Minority Student Support Services is holding a lock-in from 6 to 10 tonight on the fourth floor of Potter Hall for the presidents and vice presidents of the black organizations at Western.

"I think there's a need for the African-American organizations to realize their potential," said C.J. Woods, assistant director of the service.

According to Woods, the purpose of the lock-in is to familiarize the presidents with the university services and offices available to black groups.

It's designed to help them run their organizations better and smoother, he said.

During the four-hour session, about 20 students will listen to speakers like Student Activities Coordinator Bennie Beach. Most of the night will consist of discussion-based sessions, including a segment titled "Can We All Just Get Along?," Woods said.

University representatives will work closely with the groups, Beach said. They help the organizations set up social and service activities, rent ballrooms and halls and file paperwork for the Greek organizations.

So far, 12 of the 14 black organizations at Western have registered for the required meeting. Among those attending will be representatives from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Amazing Tones of Joy, Omega Psi Phi fraternity and Sigma Gamma Rho sorority.

NAACP President Ebony Lincoln, a Louisville junior, said she's thrilled to be going to the lock-in.

"I'm excited about it because I know they wouldn't have this workshop if it wasn't going to be helpful to us in the future," she said.

Meanwhile, the presidents will continue to meet throughout the semester at their own discretion to combine social events and other activities. Also, they will discuss ways to better serve the black students on campus.

"We want to make sure they get the most out of their college experience by joining these organizations," Woods said.



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SGA lacking 14 off-campus members

BY CHARLIE LANTER

Nineteen seats in the 75-member Student Government Association Congress remain open after all applicants were positioned Tuesday night.

Bowling Green sophomore Tim Ditmore said he may know why only two of the eight positions for off-campus sophomores were filled.

"As a freshman, you see how things work around here, and after you've seen how everything goes here at Western, you get kind of fed up with it," Ditmore said.

Ditmore also said off-campus upperclassmen, which make up 14 of the vacant seats, have too much on their minds to be con-

cerned with SGA.

"Time is also an issue," Ditmore said. "I have to work, I'm married and have a little girl to take care of."

Filling vacant positions topped the agenda at the first Congress meeting of the semester, but the group also announced the formation of a new committee.

President Keith Coffman, a Russellville senior, introduced a new SGA committee called the Hillraisers.

Russellville senior Jason Heflin, co-chairman of the Hillraiser committee along with

Coffman, said the purpose of the the group is to encourage students to attend Western athletics events.

"If students have an organization like this to get them involved, it will push them to get behind our athletic program,"

Heflin said.

Coffman said the committee, after its first meeting on

Wednesday, will be open to anyone.

"It's not just for people who want to be involved in student government — it's for all students," Coffman said.

Heflin said the Hillraisers will sit together at athletics events, where they plan to sponsor drawings and contests at football, basketball, baseball, soccer and volleyball games.

Coffman and Heflin said the success or failure of the Hillraisers will depend on student participation and community sponsorship, which they plan to seek once the committee begins meeting.

The remainder of the first meeting was spent introducing chairmen of the Congress' five

other committees and informing prospective members of upcoming SGA activities.

Treasurer Chad Lewis, a senior from Scottsburg, Ind., introduced the SGA budget for 1997-98, which comes to \$41,756 — the same as last year.

The next SGA Congress meeting will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday, and Public Relations Director Heather Rogers, an Alvaton senior, said until then they will be accepting applications for the 19 vacant positions.

"We encourage anybody to come by and fill out an application at any time," Rogers said. "But after Tuesday positions will be filled by a vote of Congress, not an election."

SGA Congress vacancies

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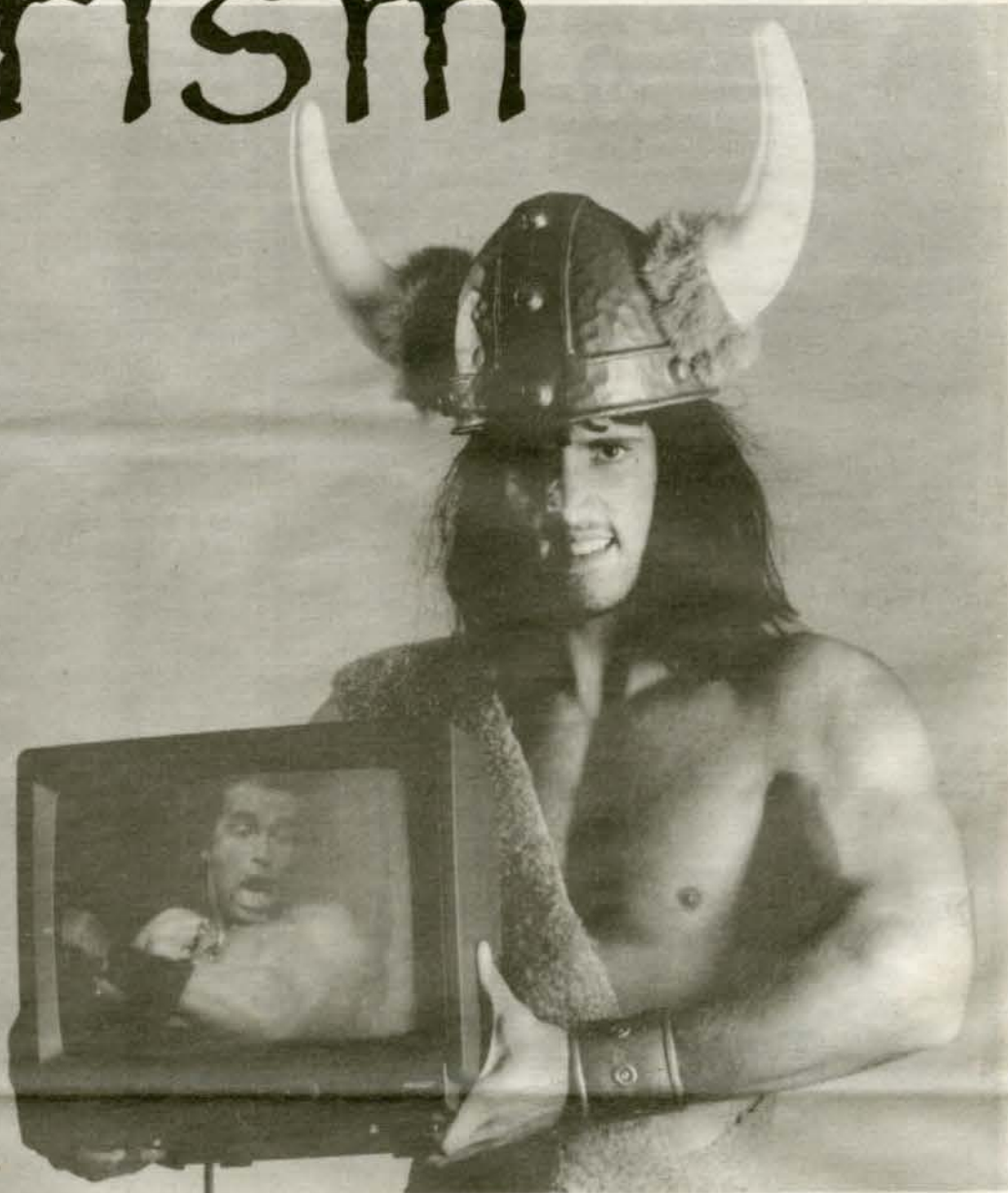
When was the last time you saw a flick with a 230 pound beefcake wielding an axe the size of a Volkswagen?

Bet it's been a while.

You know what I'm talking about, right? The Conans of the 1980s, brandishing swords and sandals. The countless decapitations, impalements, and other hyper-violent acts deified in the barbarian flicks.

Well, you may want to reacquaint yourself with them — with television shows like "Hercules: the Legendary Journeys" and "Xena: Warrior Princess," not to mention Kevin Sorbo's new flick, "Kull the Conqueror" (see review, page 17) — the future of barbarism is looking bright. A barbarian movie might pop up in conversation.

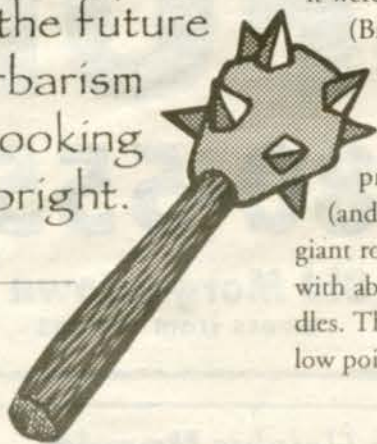
So here's some great — and not-so-great — barbarian flicks to do some catching-up with. Grab a mug of mead, a leg of lamb and snuggle up with your love interest in an animal skin blanket. It's time to revisit the days of high adventure ...



"Red Sonja"

Grade: B
Rated PG-13 for violence

Considering the success of television shows like "Hercules: the Legendary Journeys" and "Xena: Warrior Princess," not to mention Kevin Sorbo's new flick, "Kull the Conqueror" (see review, page 17) — the future of barbarism is looking bright.



The acting is terrible, the soundtrack lackluster, but it's the best "empowered woman kicking bad guy barbarian butt" flick around. It also has Ah-nuld Schwarzenegger in it (as the sword-swinging Kalidor). Look for the evil priest in the film (Ronald Lacey) — he's the same guy who played the evil Nazi freak-job in "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

The story: An evil Amazon queen bent on controlling the world steals a magical stone (that only women can touch) and slaughters a church full of women. And she almost gets away with global domination — if it weren't for that pesky Red Sonja (Brigitte Nielsen) and her buddy (Schwarzenegger).

The sword fights are great, and the props are pretty good. There's a great (and very cheesy) scene with a giant robotic sea monster, and a set with about a thousand burning candles. The movie's not without its low points — there's a child in the

film (to entertain the kiddie audience, no doubt) who gets real annoying, real fast.

The bottom line: See it. It's better than the other woman barbarian flicks out there (like below).

"Barbarian Queen"

Grade: D
Rated R for violence and nudity

Not much of the former, lots of the latter.

As far as barbarian flicks go, it's a wannabe — for one, the story's more simplistic than most (that's saying quite a bit, you know). But it does have the "b" word in the title, so rent it if you've seen absolutely everything else.

The story: A village of peaceful folk are enslaved by the neighborhood tyrannical ruler. Four women survive the attack, hide in the bushes — and with some terrible dialogue ("My life is now things that could have been!") — plot their revenge.

In a predictable twist, the women are captured and thrown into harems. This, of course, doesn't pro-

pel the story anywhere; instead, it proves the theory that women's breasts can appear about every five minutes in a film and still get an R rating.

The bottom line: A last resort. Watch it only if you've seen the "Deathstalker" trilogy and were pleased.

"Deathstalker"

Grade: D+
Rated R for violence and nudity

One of the many copycat warrior flicks of the '80s, brought to you by the folks who made "Barbarian Queen." It's probably the only barbarian movie to have the bad guys in blue jeans and a guy with a pig-face wanting to rape a woman. Chalk up two for originality and maturity.

The story: OK, so there's a barbarian, his buddy, a girlfriend and a troll, and they're on this quest. See, they have to save a king's daughter from this bad guy. What's the punch line? I don't know. I fell asleep before the movie ended.

See Barbarism, Page 16

reviews by Chris Hutchins
photo illustration by Jonathan Kirshner

BARBARISM: Xena, Hercules pushing genre mainstream

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 15

The bottom line: Better than "Barbarian Queen," only because more money was dumped into special effects and makeup. But a bad story's a bad story. Forget about this one.

"Conan the Barbarian"

Grade: A
Rated R for violence and nudity

The 1981 classic that started it all. A barbarian's barbarian movie. A testosterone-filled romp in the spray. A roller coaster ride of thrills. A must-see... Hmm. Sounds like I'm trying to get on one of those television ads.

Anyway, this is the quintessential barbarian flick. Schwarzenegger shines (believe it or not) as the title character. The props are good, the music better and the sword fights, terrific.

The story: Poor Conan: His father was devoured by dogs and his mother was beheaded. He was sold into slavery and became a killing machine for people's amusement.

But when he meets a thief and a beautiful blond warrior named Valeria (Sandahl Bergman), he begins a quest to steal jewels from a snake cult headed by a creepy guy named Thulsa Doom (James Earl Jones). But when Conan discovers that Doom is the man who's responsible for his parents' death, he plots revenge. One complaint: at two hours, it gets a little long.

The bottom line: Rent it. Be warned: there are some grisly scenes, including several beheadings, gallons of spraying blood, lots of severed arteries and a crucifixion. If you want more fantasy and less violence, catch the sequel ("Conan the Destroyer" Grade: B- Rated R for violence). It's not as gritty as the first film — but at least the villains don't wear Levi's.

Barbaric words of wisdom

If you're needing advice for getting over that immature ex-boyfriend or wondering what the secret of life is, look no further. Underneath the blades and bearskins is some wisdom from some barbaric buddies....

On climbing the Hill to classes:

"Move faster or we'll cut off your legs!" — bandit, "Barbarian Queen"

On getting over him:

"If I can't kill all men, the gods will know I've tried." — Amethea, "Barbarian Queen"

On putting things in perspective:

"Why should we help them? ... What is this, some kind of charitable institution? We're thieves." — thief, "Conan the Destroyer."

On cleaning up the apartment:

"Move it, rats. Cockroaches, get out of the way." — troll, "Deathstalker"

On getting the man of your dreams:

"Grab him! Just reach out and grab him!" — Zula, "Conan the Destroyer"

On the secret of life:

"Crush your enemies. See them driven before you. Hear the lamentations of the women." — Conan, "Conan the Barbarian"

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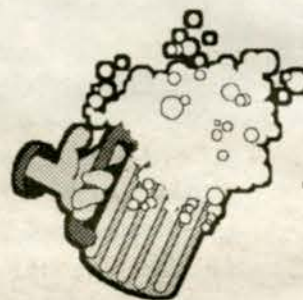
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♦ Film reviews

Silverstone takes bad to 'Excess'

BY DAN HIEB

Have you ever gone to see a movie, and two hours later walked out and realized that you can never have those two hours of your life back?

That's pretty much how I felt after I saw "Excess Baggage," the new mind-numbing Alicia Silverstone flick.

Don't go see it. It's terrible.

OK, now that that's out of my system, and assuming you're still with me, here's the actual lowdown on what the film's about:

Little Emily (Silverstone) decides that her multi-billionaire daddy doesn't care about her, so she fakes her own kidnapping, demands a million bucks, then tells the police that she can be found in the trunk of her BMW.

Problem is, before the cops can

get to her, the BMW is stolen by Vincent Roche (Benicio Del Toro), the dumbest criminal in the history of the known universe.

Once he discovers Silverstone is in the car, he decides to kindly re-turn her to nature. But she makes the job tough by creating trouble and generally being the brattiest witch this side of "Melrose Place."

Grade: F

Immature drama starring Alicia Silverstone. Rated PG-13 for slight sexual innuendo.

Any self-respecting criminal would have abandoned or killed Silverstone about 30 minutes into the movie. But this good guy crusades to return her to home — and begs her to clear his name, fearing he'll get charged with the fictional kidnapping.

Of course, they eventually become emotionally attached, one thing leads to another and the director finds a way to stretch this celluloid disaster another 90 minutes.

Christopher Walken turns in a wasted performance as Emily's uncle Ray — the man in charge of tracking her and cleaning up her mischievous messes so billionaire daddy doesn't have to suffer the embarrassment of having a misfit as a daughter.

One of the most frustrating aspects of the movie is a simple question — what is it?

Is it a comedy? It never made me laugh. Is it a drama? Not a single pang in my heart. Is it an action flick? The closest thing to action was a preview for the new James Bond film, which looked pretty cool.

"Excess Baggage" is a bumbling, boring, pointless ride, but I hardly consider that to be a movie category — although Silverstone's last flick, "Batman and Robin," could probably slide into that genre as well.

No, the best category I can think of is horror. That's my emotion after realizing I spent \$6 and two hours on the film.

Story, characters strong in 'Kull'

BY CHRIS HUTCHINS

"Kull the Conqueror" isn't a thoughtful film. It isn't great cinema. It doesn't have a story filled with twists, great acting or great special effects.

But it's a hell of a lot of fun.

Here's the story. Based on the writings of Robert E. Howard (the guy who brought us Conan), the title character (Kevin Sorbo) is a barbarian who longs to be a member of the neighborhood army death squad. But since he doesn't come from noblemen's blood, he can't be a part of the Velusian army. But — surprise! — during an early plot twist, he's appointed ruler of the kingdom.

His first order of business: to get married. That's where some power-hungry subjects of the kingdom and demon queen Akivasha (Tia Carrere) come in.

Kull is bewitched into marrying Akivasha, who is actually a sorceress resurrected to murder him. He narrowly escapes death on his wedding night, and with the help of a brother-and-sister priest-and-fortune-teller-team, sets forth to find the only magic that can kill her: the Breath of Valka.

The legendary weapon can only be found on the Island of Ice. The only way to get there, a boat. Enter Harvey Fierstein, Juba, a perverted, randy sailor who knows Kull from his pirate days.

Sword fights and showdowns

abound, as do gratuitous camera shots of Carrere's cleavage. But underneath the testosterone and adolescent fantasy is a fun movie, capitalizing on the basic premise of good vs. evil. Give it a chance.

Grade: B-

Fantasy action starring Kevin Sorbo, Tia Carrere, Harvey Fierstein and Karina Lombard. Rated PG-13 for violence and adult themes.

So what's the verdict, acting-wise? Sorbo (of "Hercules: The Legendary Journeys" television fame) easily fills the boots of the charismatic beefcake defending his new position of king. Fierstein has a fun role as the double-crossing pirate, and Carrere does a good job of being bad

as the film's saucy seductress. No Academy Award nominations here, but maybe an MTV Movie Award or two.

The dialogue during most of the film is above-average for the typical barbarian flick — a perfect example is when Kull and his priest buddy are discovering how bad his new wife really is:

Priest: "Kull, your bride is actually 3,000 years old."

Kull: "But she said she was 19!"

Other fun moments include a camel homage ala "Conan the Barbarian" and a cool battle in the Island of Ice. The soundtrack is an unlikely amalgam of classical and heavy metal music, but it usually works. The special effects are pretty solid, too — utilizing some cool computer technology.

Ultimately, we're looking at a film that has a little brain, but a lotta heart. It's fun, frivolous and worth a look.

WEEKEND SHOWCLOCK

Greenwood 6

Fire Down Below, R — 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:15
Event Horizon, R — 2, 4, 7:30, 9:30
George of the Jungle, PG — 2:30, 4:45, 7:30, 9:35
Conspiracy Theory, R — 1:45, 4:25, 7, 9:45
Air Force One, R — 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

Excess Baggage, PG-13 — 2, 4:25, 7:15, 9:30

Plaza 6

Kull the Conqueror, PG-13 — 4, 9:30
Leave it to Beaver, PG — 2, 7:30
Hoodlum, R — 2, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
Money Talks, R — 2:30, 4:35, 7:30, 9:45
G.I. Jane, R — 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30

Mimic, R — 4:30, 9:20
Copland, R — 2, 7
Men in Black, PG-13 — 2:15, 4:25, 7:15, 9:20

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The plan? Jam on Saturday

If you were one of the few who stuck around town last weekend (like myself), you know how pathetically lame Saturday night was. While some of our friends partied hearty in Lexington in commemoration of the Kentucky victory, we were stuck here. Trapped. Like little ants locked in amber, we had no concept of time ... it all went by sooo slooowly ...

OK, I'm shutting up. That was then. This Saturday's gonna fly by. And here's why:

Pick of the Weekend

Shindig el grande is going down from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday at 350 Corvette Drive. What's it called? Rock the Corvette Museum. What's it about? Seven bands for \$8. What's it for? To raise money for Panorama, a local home for the mentally handicapped.

David Story, the event's organizer and a quality living manager at the home, has been putting this thing together for months. The plan: to raise funds for stuff like Christmas and birthday presents, which the corporation Panorama's affiliated with doesn't provide. This is the second year they've done the event (last year it was called Rock the River).

"We're basically shooting for this real laid-back atmosphere," Story says. "You know, just kick back, drink a beer, hang out and



WEEKEND SUPERPICKS

Chris Hutchins

have a good time."

Beer? Better believe it. Folks'll be able to bring their own food and drinks to the museum's amphitheater, ground zero for the celebration. "You know, I didn't want to advertise, 'Bring your kegs!'" he laughs, "but yes, you can bring your own beer or whatever."

And the lineup's killer, kids. Most of us know Bowling Green bluesman Michael Gough (who's playing at 9 p.m.), but most don't know about the other performers. So here's the low down on the bands, straight from Story:

◆ Pat Haney (6 p.m.): "He's a folk singer, plain and simple. Real mellow stuff."

◆ Off Center (7 p.m.): "A '70s and '80s cover band. They'll cover Blondie and ABBA, stuff like that. Basically some really good rhythm music."

◆ GU daGRUV (8 p.m.):

"They're a solid rhythm and blues band. They have a great female singer and an offbeat R&B flavor."

◆ Malengine (10 p.m.): "It's funky rock. They put on a really good stage show, too — it's three guys who wear Afro wigs and dress up in '70s silk clothing, jewelry, the works. ... It's hilarious."

◆ Medicine Man (playing at 11 p.m.) and Sixth Floor (midnight): "These guys are heavy rock — you know, ... Metallica."

Story says the shindig broke even last year, with about 300 people attending. I say we blow that number away. Go out there Saturday and support a great cause. Parking's free. It's open to all ages. Need more info? Call Story at 782-7770.

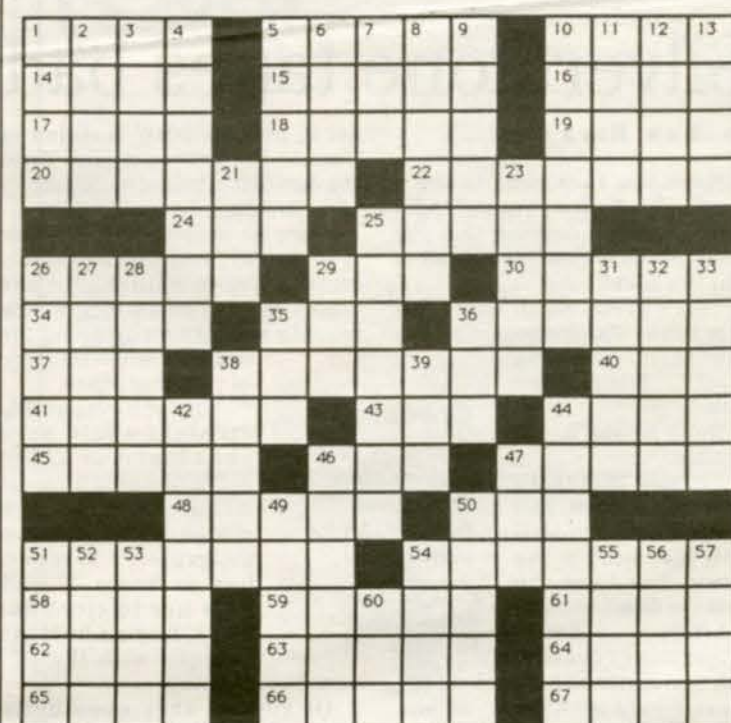
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10. British title
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17. Oratorio melody
18. Support
19. Ruckus
20. Impromptu ballgame spot
22. Kangaroo or Marvel
24. Listener's need
25. African capital
26. Bakers' needs
29. Amen
30. Lecturers' spots
34. Encyclopedias: abbr.
35. Benign skin tumor
36. Civic leaders
37. WWII area
38. Main
40. Lived
41. Say again
43. Suffix for hand or mood
44. Give to each his due
45. River in England
46. Finale
47. Metal cabinets
48. Brief and to the point
50. Elected one: abbr.
51. Hit Broadway play
54. Soaked
58. Jal
59. American territory
61. T-bone orderer's word
62. Bucket
63. President Scalfaro's land
64. "... cockleshells, And pretty maids all in ..."
65. Modern aircraft: abbr.
66. Requirements
67. Four _ two is two

Down

1. Ovine cries
2. Taj Mahal's site
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10. Do in
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21. Vegas' article?
23. Of a church leader
25. Part of a tooth
26. Observable
27. Campaigner's listener
28. Run to Gretna Green
29. Foreign currency
31. Short cylinder
32. Hot under the collar
33. Burros
35. Rainy
36. Part of every yr.
38. Serve
39. Buttons
42. Involves
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Answer to last week's puzzle:

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Museum invites regional actor

BY REBECCA LENZ

Before freedom came to the south, there were unnamed heroes. They were the forgotten black-slaves-turned-soldiers who paved the way for black Americans today.

They fought in the Civil War — most died there — but those who lived tasted the freedom they wanted for their ancestors.

Angus Augustus Burleigh was one of the soldiers who made his way to freedom and became Berea's first black graduate. Lexington resident Hasan Davis will take on the role of Burleigh at 2 p.m. this Sunday at the Kentucky Building.

Davis said there are several reasons why he likes to portray Burleigh. He said he has a lot of respect for him.

"He epitomized the opportunity for change," Davis said, "to make that entire transition from slave to fighter to educator."

The Kentucky Humanities Council is bringing Davis in conjunction with the Kentucky Museum's latest exhibit, "Before Freedom Came: African-American Life in the Antebellum South." It was created to commemorate the lives of the men and women who were enslaved.

The explanation of the exhibit reads: "This is an immigration

story. It is about diverse people who came to this land from distant shores, survived extreme hardship by courage and intelligence and won independence through a bloody war. ... This is an American story."

And it's one Davis said people should remember. There are moving photographs, telling the story of the black American's past. There are quotes from ex-slaves that reach out like unsettled ghosts. Like Ben Brown, a formerly enslaved man, age 99, 1936:

"Some nights I dream about the old slave times ... and I wake up crying. I sit here in this room and can see it plain as day, the hard work, the plantation, the whippings and the misery."

According to Earlene Chelf, coordinator of marketing and special events for Western's libraries and museums, this exhibit is an important one for the community.

"The museum is always looking for the opportunity to have exhibits that relate to multicultural or multiracial topics," she said.

The exhibit will run through Sept. 28 and was organized and circulated by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.

The museum has high hopes for how much Davis' performance will contribute to the exhibit.

Davis is the director of a Lexington youth violence prevention project. He also writes poetry for performance, went to law school and is working with a band. He's a success story in himself.

Davis will single in on Burleigh's life. He said he can relate to Burleigh because he too was a Berea graduate and served in the Army. But he said Burleigh's a success story anyone can relate to.

In 1864, along with many other black Americans, Burleigh enlisted in the Union Army at Camp Nelson. He was 16 at the time.

Burleigh had many experiences at Camp Nelson, where black soldiers were trained and where many refugees from slavery died.

Burleigh rose to the rank of sergeant before 1866 when the war was over. He was then asked to become part of a new adventure in interracial education at Berea College, where he became the first black student and black graduate.

Davis said he feels the exhibit and the remembrance of Burleigh is very important for Kentucky history. He said he brings people into the past with his portrayal of Burleigh, but the exhibit digs deeper.

"The imagery," he said. "Those pictures. ... It really does make it real."

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Sports

Toppers fall to Kentucky

BY GEORGE ROBINSON

August ended in celebration as Western's soccer team went undefeated for the month at 1-0.

September began with disappointment as the Toppers began the month winless at 0-1.

Opposite was the attitude of Western coach David Holmes.

"I was pleased with my team nonetheless," he said. "We played hard enough to win. Had things been a little different in the Kentucky game, we'd be 2-0."

After disposing of Valparaiso 1-0 Friday in Indianapolis, the Toppers fell to the Wildcats on Tuesday, 2-1 in Lexington.

Wildcat senior forward Brian Baltzell scored the winning goal from 25 yards out, driving a shot past Western goalie Andrew Cecil to break a 1-1 tie with 17 minutes left in regulation.

Kentucky improved their record to 1-1 after dropping their opener against Missouri-Kansas City.

"It was unfortunate that we couldn't keep that intensity level up for both of the games," said senior defenseman Greg Sparks. "But I feel the more we keep on working, the more our offense will score."

◆ The Toppers' schedule

takes them to
Xavier of
Ohio at
2 p.m. Sunday.

Wildcat junior goalie Chris West recorded nine saves after he gave up the early goal to Robson as Western had 14 shots on goal.

"We felt we were the better team out there," Holmes said. "I felt we outplayed them, but, like I always say, it's a game of inches."

Holmes was pleased with his team's progress from the Valparaiso game to the Kentucky game, although they were beaten by Kentucky.

It took only the first half to prove to be the difference in the game.

Sophomore midfielder Matt Hawkey scored Western's first goal of the season as he blasted a shot past Crusader goalie Aaron Rhame.

"I think our energy level coming out was so high," Sparks said. "We needed to show that we were for real and I think we did."

Western's defense controlled the game as Valparaiso wasn't able to get past the Toppers' defense.

"Sparks, Andy Simpson and Chris Lloyd did an excellent job for us," Holmes said. "It was a very small crowd for us, but we managed to motivate ourselves and the outcome was positive."

Western will complete a two-week road schedule ending at 2 p.m. Sunday in Cincinnati against Xavier.

"If we make progress from the Kentucky game to the Xavier game like we did from Valparaiso to Kentucky, then we can only get better," Holmes said. "By Sept. 12, our home fans are going to see a great Western team."



Jason Clark/Herald

During Western's 42-0 victory, senior tailback Jamie Kyle fights for yardage against Tennessee-Martin defenders.

Tops shoot down Skyhawks

BY TRAVIS MAYO

MARTIN, Tenn. — Back and forth. Jack Harbaugh must have paced a mile, stopping at times, removing his Fila hat and rubbing his head.

Western's football coach was going through an out-of-the-ordinary pregame routine before last Thursday's 42-0 win over Tennessee-Martin.

"I was really scared," Harbaugh said. "You put so much hype into this thing and then when it comes time to play, there better be some proof in the pudding. You better do something to justify all that."

The Toppers, decked out in new

apparel from head to toe, rested as the

countdown continued. At least it was a physical rest. The mentality of the team was still at work and could be seen through the eyes of every player that sat behind the bleachers of Skyhawk Stadium.

"I'm feeling good," junior linebacker Trae Hackett said to a teammate.

Senior quarterback Willie Taggart made his rounds, stopping at every player giving words of encouragement

or a tap of fists. Junior offensive lineman Aaron Hamilton sat on the ground and pushed an invisible opponent, preparing to rumble. Then Harbaugh stopped pacing. "It's like a \$100 bill," he said of the game. "Don't beg for it. Go out there and get it."

It was time to see if all the practice had paid off. Western began the new season by

◆ Western will play its first home game at 7 p.m. Saturday against Murray State. See story, Page 20

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Ugly games a sign of pre-conference tourneys

LEXINGTON — Weird things, these volleyball season openers.

Humpert beat Humpert 3-1 on Saturday night. That makes Humpert 1-0 vs. Humpert in her career.

Humpert lost to Humpert 3-1. That makes Humpert 0-1 vs. Humpert.

Humpert wore Western red and white. Humpert wore Morehead State blue and gold.

Busy Humpert. Two-timing Humpert.

See what I'm saying? Weird happenings.

Weird, yet interesting things, though. Unique situations. Question marks, lots of them. Even a bit of history.

A crew of Western volleyball players embarked on this annual journey last weekend. Join me now on a tour of the genesis of a volleyball season. This way, please.

◆ First, the family matter:

Kristin Humpert, a Morehead State junior outside hitter, and Andria Humpert, a freshman left side hitter at Western, played against each other for the first time ever as the weekend tournament concluded for the Toppers. Four games later, the elder Humpert sister emerged the victor in a much-anticipated match-up.

"There was plenty of joking around between us during the summer," Andria Humpert said. "The match was a lot of fun, but it was kind of weird. I looked across the net and saw her and her friends, who have been at my house before. It was bizarre."

A crew of Humperts sat in the stands with Eagle blue shirts and Hilltopper red hats on them. Couldn't be impartial. Hey, at least it matched.

◆ Next, a quote to remember. It comes from Eastern Kentucky coach Geri Polvino, who talked



PLAYGROUND NOTES

Jerry Brewer

with players for more than 40 minutes after her Lady Colonels lost to Western 15-7, 16-14, 15-6 on Friday.

"Games at the beginning of the season are ugly. You win ugly. You lose ugly. The winner is the team that just survives."

Western survived once, but twice the Toppers perished. That .031 team hitting percentage against Kentucky on Saturday, the host of the Kentucky State

Invitational, produced nothing but a 15-3, 15-9, 15-9 loss.

◆ Western entered this weekend with plenty of question marks. Could the Toppers fill the void left by sophomore left side hitter Melissa Starck, the team's defensive ace last season but newest redshirt this season?

Could they find offensive support for senior middle hitter Jamie Ritterskamp, now Western's all-time kills leader after breaking Amber Simons' previous record of 1,300 kills Saturday?

The truth is those questions still remain. The defense was good at times but spotty on other occasions. Offensively, Ritterskamp had to carry the load, and when teams keyed on her, the offense struggled.

Andria Humpert, senior left side hitter Lori Cummings and senior right side hitter Alexa Hartley had some good swings,

but the stats indicated they will have better days.

Western also had 32 service errors and hit less than .100 as a team over the weekend.

"This time of the year is no time to panic," Western coach Travis Hudson said. "We've only been practicing two weeks. These pre-conference tournaments are to point out things you're not doing well."

So the volleyball team has been exposed. They're vulnerable. They beat themselves at times like two Humperts in a warm Memorial Coliseum. They have some improving to do. A 1-2 record every weekend won't get them where they want to be. But every volleyball team in the nation isn't where it wants to be right now. Sometimes you have to struggle to get better. At least one up and down weekend is over.

You have to start somewhere.

Murray State next for Toppers

BY TRAVIS MAYO

Western football coach Jack Harbaugh said last year's 44-41 double overtime win over Murray State was the finest game in which he's ever been involved and he'd coach it again.

"I'll take a victory, however it comes," Harbaugh said.

His 11th-ranked Hilltoppers do not want history to repeat itself in the same fashion in Saturday's game against the 12th-ranked Racers.

"I would rather for it to be a sound victory so we wouldn't have to go through all that stress during the game," senior quarterback Willie Taggart said.

Joey Stockton doesn't want the game at Smith Stadium to be the same as last year either, but for different reasons.

"I wouldn't want last year's game for the one reason that we didn't throw the ball that much," the senior wide receiver/kick returner said.

But Stockton also said he believes the ground attack will have to be solid to beat the Racers.

"If we can establish the running game like we did last year, then it's really going to keep them on their toes the whole day," he said.

Taggart just hopes the team can correct the problems they had against Tennessee-Martin.

"We have to cut down on turnovers," he said.

TOPS: Lander out for year

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fumbling on the second play of the opening drive, the first of four Hilltopper fumbles. The Tops got it right back after a Skyhawk fumble.

Moments later, Taggart ran 39 yards, ending in the end zone with 1:17 left on the clock.

Taggart would get another chance to score after junior cornerback Delvechio Walls intercepted a UT-Martin pass. Taggart passed to senior wingback Jade Gummer with 10:52 left in the opening quarter.

Western 14, UT-Martin 0.

On the next possession, Taggart ran the ball again for a 50-yard touchdown.

"I was joking around with my friends yesterday, saying I was going to have two touchdowns, 200 yards rushing, 200 yards passing, but I didn't know it was going to be throwing a touchdown here and then running a touchdown there like that," Taggart said.

Taggart ended with 98 yards rushing and completed 10 of 12 passes for 164 yards.

The Tops ended the first half leading 21-0.

With 2:04 left in the third quarter, Gummer caught another Taggart throw 30 yards and a touchdown.

"I played one of the best games I've had, so I was very excited," Gummer said.

Western did not score again until the fourth quarter, when senior wide receiver/kick returner Joey Stockton caught a 40-yard touchdown pass.

With Western leading 35-0, junior free safety Keith Lander went down, grabbing his leg after falling out of bounds. Lander broke his leg and was taken off the field on a cart. Harbaugh later said it created a somber mood.

He tried to lift Lander's spirits by holding up the cut pants with a shocked expression on his face.

"I care about him so much, I just wanted to try to get a laugh out of him," Harbaugh said. "We can get lots of those pants — that's not a problem."

With the 1997 season underway after Western's 42-0 victory, Harbaugh stood in the empty stadium after the game and complimented his team's camaraderie.

"I don't mean to be philosophical, but wars are won because of love and caring that soldiers have for one another," he said. "Football games are won because of the way players feel for one another and nothing else. Not money, not fame, not anything."

Countdown to Kickoff



Western vs. Murray State

When: 7 p.m. Saturday
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Taggart added that the defense will have to play well, something he said they did last week.

"We have to hold them to minimal yards rushing and, whenever they pass the ball, no yards after the catch," freshman Trae Moore said.

Moore will be stepping in at free safety for the injured Keith Lander. Lander, a junior, went down with a broken leg Thursday and is expected to be sidelined for the rest of the season.

"I hope to do everything Keith did, maybe a little better," Moore said.

The Tops will miss Lander, but also have confidence in his replacement.

"Any loss of a starter will affect a defensive unit, but Trae will step in and he'll be all right," junior cornerback Delvechio Walls said. "He's not playing like a freshman."

Junior linebacker Trae Hackett hopes the team doesn't dwell on

the injury.

"Keith was a big part of our defense and we hate to see him go, but the show must go on," he said.

Hackett will also miss Saturday's game with a pulled hamstring, but hopes to be back for the game against Eastern Kentucky on Sept. 13.

The rivalry against Murray also drives the Tops.

"If you don't get hyped up for this game, you have a problem because there's no love lost between the two teams," senior wingback Jade Gummer said.

Taggart senses the importance of this game.

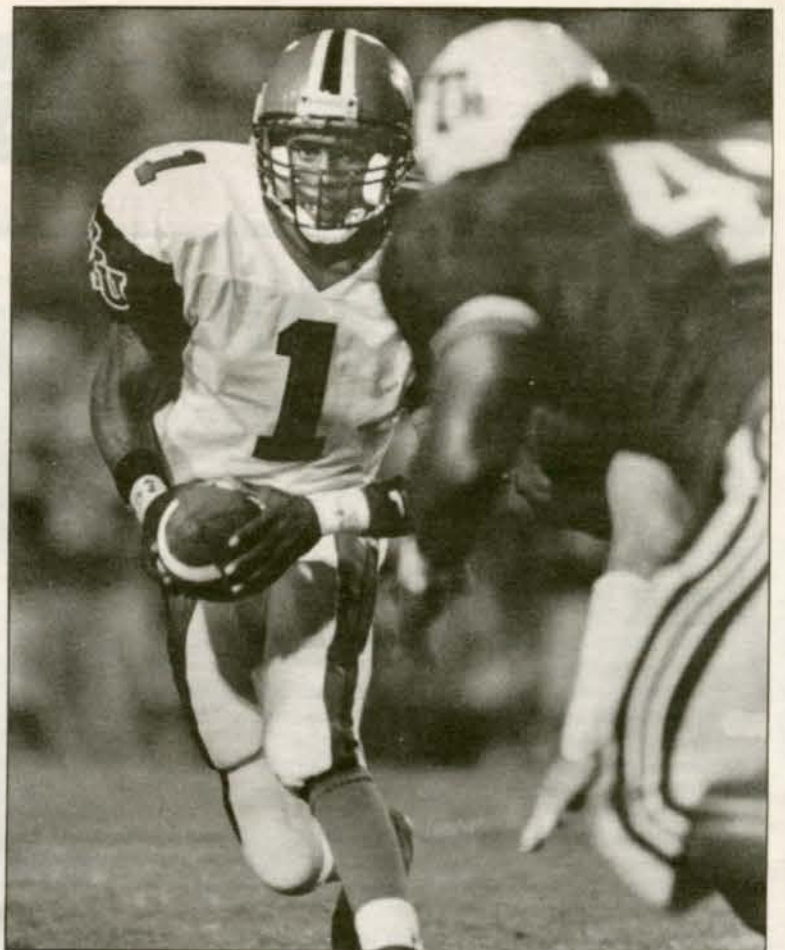
"Our season depends on this game," he said.

Taggart receives honor

Taggart was named the I-AA Co-Offensive Player of the Week by "Don Hansen's Football Gazette" for his performance in the Hilltoppers' season-opening 42-0 victory at UT-Martin.

Taggart accounted for five of Western's six touchdowns last Thursday. He completed 10 of 12 passes for 164 yards and rushed for 98 yards on 10 carries, tallying up 262 total yards. His completion percentage of .833 tied the Western school record for a single game, originally set by Marty Jagers.

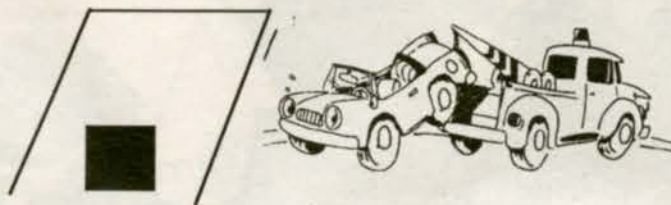
Taggart shared the honor with Southern Utah freshman running back Matt Cannon.



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During Thursday's game against Tennessee-Martin, senior quarterback Willie Taggart scrambles away from a defender. Taggart was named the Division I-AA Co-Offensive Player of the Week.

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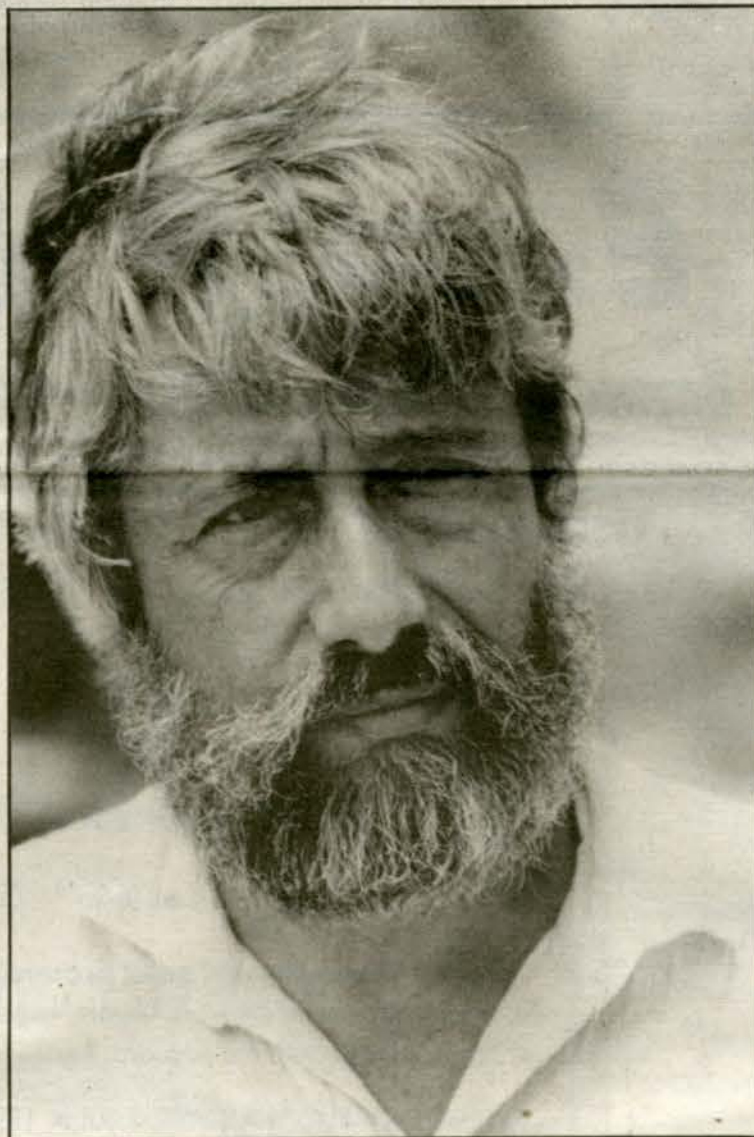
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Hudson takes blame for Tops' 1-2 record

BY CHRIS ABRELL

Labor Day weekend didn't prove relaxing for Lady Topper volleyball, now 1-2 after the Kentucky State Challenge.

Senior middle hitter Jamie Ritterskamp was named to the All-Tournament team. In Western's best match, she recorded 17 kills, 11 digs and a hitting percentage of .256, leading the Toppers to a victory over Eastern Kentucky.

"I'm flattered, but I don't think I deserve it. It's kind of bitter-sweet," Ritterskamp said. "I would have felt better if the matches had went better."

Though her last two matches were below average, Ritterskamp also hit a career milestone, breaking Amber Simons' school career kills record in a losing effort against Kentucky. She currently has 1,311 kills.

According to sophomore setter Jenni Miller, one match made the difference.

"UK's players were animals," Miller said. "We really lost one game we shouldn't have. We beat ourselves against Morehead (State)."

Freshmen outside hitters Andria Humpert and Beaven Hill cracked the starting lineup.

"I was excited to play," Humpert said. "We knew we were going to

find out what we needed to work on. Hopefully we'll get it together."

Coach Travis Hudson said he'll take part of the blame. He felt his team wasn't adequately prepared.

"I thought the girls played hard in all three matches," Hudson said. "We didn't play particularly well all weekend though. There's a part of me that feels fortunate that we picked up a win."

According to Hudson, blocking and poor ball control were the Hilltoppers' most obvious problems.

"This time of the year is no time to panic," Hudson said. "We've only been practicing two weeks. These pre-conference tournaments are to point out things you're not doing well."

But panic might not be unreasonable with the Valparaiso Invitational Tournament looming just a week away, especially since most of Western's woes deal with basic aspects of the game.

"We're ... not necessarily starting over," Miller said. "If we want to do better, we have to get the little things right."

Western plays host Valparaiso at 7 p.m. tomorrow and rounds out the weekend Saturday with Bradley at noon and Eastern at 5 p.m. All three lost to Western in their last meetings.

♦ Baseball news

Hilltoppers to begin fall practice; Keller steps on as pitching coach

BY JERRY BREWER

A new pitching coach will greet the Western baseball team when the Hilltoppers open their fall baseball team practices Sunday.

Clyde Keller replaces Jerry Martinez this season as the instructor of a talented pitching staff that suffered from injury and inconsistency last season.

Keller, hired in mid-July by Coach Joel Murrie, comes to the Hill from Tampa, Fla., where he coached Berkeley Prep High School.

Keller's teams at Berkeley Prep went 79-17 in his four years there. He began coaching after playing in the minor leagues for four years in the St. Louis Cardinals and New York Mets organizations.

Keller played two seasons at Florida State after transferring from Sacramento (Calif.) Junior College. He won 27 games in two years at Florida State, helping the Seminoles to the College World Series in 1989.

But he does have an adjustment to make at Western. He has only lived in two states his entire life — Florida and California. Keller doesn't know where his coat is because he hasn't worn it in 10 years.

"I'm not making a whole lot of money, but hopefully I'll have enough to buy a couple of coats," he said, laughing.

Keller and his wife, Kristen, who is pregnant, are moving from Tampa to Bowling Green tomorrow. Keller will arrive in just enough time to get prepared for what Murrie hopes will be a productive month of practice.

The NCAA allows baseball teams to practice six days a week for 20 hours with no practice longer than four hours a day.

Murrie said the Hilltoppers will use the majority of their practice playing intrasquad games.

"We want to simulate as much of our spring season as possible," Murrie said. "We want to find out who can play in the game situations and who has that

competitive desire."

Western returns 16 letter winners from last season and will mix them with 11 newcomers during fall practices.

Rejuvenating a pitching staff whose ERA hovered around 7.00 for much of last season is a goal for the Toppers. Western loses only one pitcher — Joe Pennertz — and has four freshman pitchers to work with.

"We have a lot of good arms and potential from what I know," Keller said. "My style is going to be easygoing. The pitchers know what they're doing and have the talent. The responsibility of building a strong staff lies on them."

It may seem odd, playing baseball as the weather cools, but Murrie said it's an ideal time.

"The fall is the best time of year," Murrie said. "We call our World Series, 'The Fall Classic.' The players will get the chance to play at a time when the world's best players are playing."

Cross country ready for season

BY JENNY CHRISTIAN

Coming off of high conference finishes last season, Western's cross country teams have all the factors that can lead to a successful season.

"There are high expectations for both teams," Coach Curtiss Long said. "On the women's side we have youth, and on the men's we have a mixture of youth and experience. It's taken for granted that this group of people will work hard."

The women's team is young, but are the defending Sun Belt champions. After losing Christina Brown, Long is looking to sophomores Claire Gibbons and Patricia Dorians to lead the team.

"Everyone is training hard and we're putting in some good workouts," Dorians said. "The team should be fairly strong."

The only obstacles facing the women are injury-related. Junior Anna Adams and sophomore Valerie Lynch are both suffering from prolonged injuries. Doctors have yet to determine whether Adams has tendinitis or bursitis. Lynch has an undetermined foot injury.

Like the women, the men have youth, but they also have experience. The team returns four seniors, including three-time NCAA Region Champion Nick Aliwell. Also returning is senior Daryn Lambooy, who had suffered stress fractures to both fibulas. He has recovered and is training with the team.

After finishing second in the Sun Belt Conference last season, the men are setting their sights on something sweeter.

"The guys are in good shape," freshman Duncan Shangase said. "If we have no injuries and looking at what the guys are doing right now, we could finish first."

Both teams will use early workouts and the regular season to prepare for the conference championships.

The men and women will be able to test their training soon. The cross country team goes to Tennessee-Chattanooga on Sept. 13.

"If we're fortunate enough to stay healthy, and with racing luck, we have the factors that equal an excellent season," Long said.

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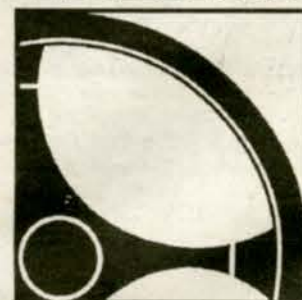
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Ritterskamp breaks all-time Hilltopper kill record

BY JERRY BREWER

LEXINGTON — It was oh so simple. The pinnacle of her career, bald of ceremony or fuss. Jamie Ritterskamp leaped high, swung hard and smashed a kill and the record books at the same time.

The kill — No. 1,301 — broke Amber Simons' record of 1,300, set in 1994. The senior middle hitter high-fived her setter, sophomore Jenni Miller, and the rest of her teammates, same as she had done 1,300 previous times.

The announcement was delayed. No one knew until a few plays after the fact.

"I was counting down by myself," said Ritterskamp's brother, Andy. "I was standing and clapping on the kill that broke the record. But I was the only one clapping. I probably looked stupid."

The road here, to this Saturday morning at a dim and muggy Memorial Coliseum where she etched her name as Western's all-time kills leader, has been so straight. So smooth. So uneventful. So simple, it seems.

She walked at nine months. Had great balance as a toddler, rarely falling. Came on the sports scene at age 5, making her debut as a softball player. Balanced playing tennis, track, cross country, basketball and volleyball throughout her childhood. Starred in tennis and volleyball at Floyds Knobs High School in Floyds Knobs, Ind.

She never imagined she'd play Division I volleyball until former Western coach Mark Hardaway came knocking on her door. She started as a freshman, was forced into stardom her sophomore year because of injuries and became a two-time GTE Academic All-American who is admired by teammates,

coaches and administration.

"There's not a finer athlete at Western than Jamie Ritterskamp," Western coach Travis Hudson said. "I say that with no bias. Want to know what Western's all about? Jamie Ritterskamp's your poster child."

Ask anyone about Ritterskamp and out comes the praise. "She's so sweet, kind-hearted, fun to be around." "She's so nice." "It's a privilege to play with her."

They give no dirt. None whatsoever.

Sloth? "Her work ethic is great," Hudson said. "No one works harder or puts more pressure on herself."

Envy? "She's the first to tell a player they played a good game," said friend/teammate/classmate/fellow co-captain Kristi Chandler, a senior setter.

Greed? "She gets very paranoid about even taking my Cokes," Chandler said.

Wrath? "Jamie's not the type of person to get mad at someone," sophomore middle hitter Beth Rawlings said. "She doesn't like conflict."

Pride? "Jamie's humility is her best quality," Hudson said. "She's the most humble person I know."

Lust? "Not that I can remember," Ritterskamp said.

Gluttony? She has been known to occasionally eat too much. But her teammates are always telling her how beautiful she is, how she looks like a model.

She's perfect, so fly her off into volleyball heaven with wings on, right? That's a label Ritterskamp has had for quite a while. But she's human, she says. It embarrasses her to be thought of that way.

"I don't like to talk about myself and the things I've done," Ritterskamp said. "I shouldn't have to. That just seems so cocky to me."

But the thing about Ritterskamp is that she's also lucky. Good and lucky — a deadly combination.

Flashback to her high school recruiting trip. The Western players invited their potential teammate to play poker with them, a game Ritterskamp had never played. They raised the stakes by playing for peppermints (the closest Ritterskamp has come to gambling).

Ritterskamp won and gave back the peppermints. She wanted to share, she says.

Ritterskamp makes everything look so easy. At times it seems she can do no wrong. But Ritterskamp refuses to brag.

Those who don't know her call her quiet. And perhaps skeptics question her desire because Ritterskamp goes about her job quietly.

That last tidbit is the only thing that gets Ritterskamp close to being angry.

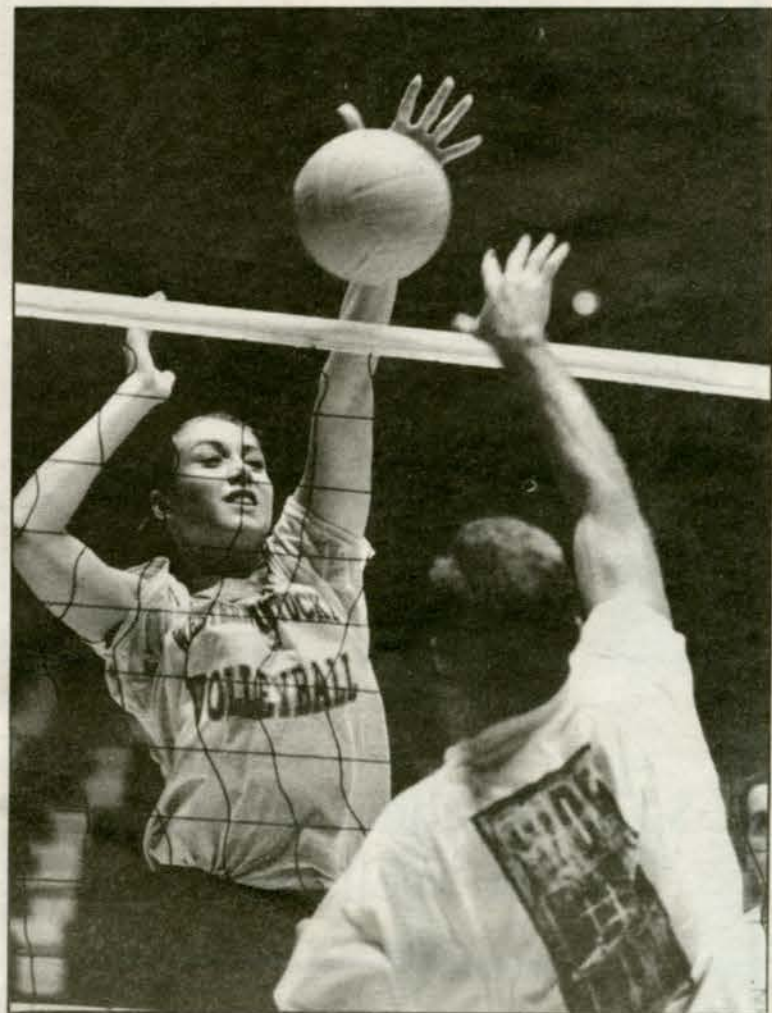
"I'm not a player who's really loud, but that doesn't mean I'm not fighting," Ritterskamp said. "I know I have that fire. I definitely have a desire to compete."

Her dad, James Ritterskamp, was the first to witness this fire.

"We always used to play tennis together," he said. "She kept getting better and better. At first, I could beat her. And then she started beating me. And then she started beating me handily. She doesn't show it, but she's relentless."

This is a star who, as a second grader, sat on the front steps of Lafayette Elementary on a Friday afternoon and did her homework, patiently waiting for her mother.

"When I found her, I said, 'Jamie, it's Friday. Why are you doing your homework?'" said her mom, Pegge Ritterskamp. "She told me if she did it now, then she'd have the whole weekend free. That's when I started to



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During a blocking drill Tuesday afternoon in Diddle Arena, senior middle hitter Jamie Ritterskamp blocks a shot from assistant coach Ken Marshall.

realize just how mature and dedicated she is."

This is a star who left her junior prom at midnight because she had a club volleyball match the next morning. A star who

beats you so thoroughly, smiling all the while.

"I love her," Miller said. "I just love her. She deserves this record. She's such a great person."

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